



Dear Valued Patrons and Partners:

We want to provide you with information regarding the COVID-19 virus and steps the county is taking to help ensure the safety of all Riverside County Library visitors and staff.

In each of the Riverside County Library System branches, the health, safety, and well-being of our patrons, volunteers and employees are our top priorities. We want to assure you that we are attentively monitoring this rapidly evolving situation with COVID-19, or the novel Coronavirus. We are reinforcing our current health and safety procedures, which align with the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Additionally, we are assessing any necessary contingency plans should the status change in the future.

In order to maintain a safe environment and address patron and staff concerns, we are taking precautionary measures with the following:

- All library programs, events, and meeting room reservations are cancelled until further notice
- Social distancing measures are taking place by creating more space between public computer stations
- Taking extra care in keeping high traffic and high touch areas clean, such as computer equipment, table tops and circulation desks
- Installing hand sanitizer dispensers at all of our library branches

We are working hard to ensure the protection of all who pass through our library branches. Here are some steps you can take to protect yourself:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the inside of your elbow
- Stay home if you are feeling sick
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces often
- Contact your health provider if you have any concerns about your travel history and symptoms

Our first priority remains keeping Riverside County Library System patrons, volunteers and employees safe and well-informed while doing what we can to help minimize the potential spread of the Coronavirus. Our thoughts are with anyone already effected with COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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